

No. 360, the House passed H.R. 3816, making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997.

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Agreed To:

The Schaefer amendment that increases funding for renewable energy programs by \$30 million, debated on July 24 (agreed to by a recorded vote of 279 ayes to 135 noes, Roll No. 358). Pages H8385–86

Rejected:

The Obey amendment that sought to eliminate the \$17 million funding for the Advanced Light Water Reactor Program, debated on July 24 (rejected by a recorded vote of 198 ayes to 211 noes, Roll No. 357); and

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The Markey en bloc amendment that sought to eliminate the \$20 million funding for pyroprocessing or electrometallurgical treatment by reducing energy research and development by \$5 million and defense environmental restoration and waste management by \$15 million, debated on July 24 (rejected by a recorded vote of 138 ayes to 278 noes, Roll No. 359).

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Campaign Finance Reform: By a yea-and-nay vote of 162 yeas to 259 nays, Roll No. 365, the House failed to pass H.R. 3820, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of Federal election campaigns.

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By a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 212 noes, Roll No. 364, the House rejected the Fazio amendment that sought to recommit the bill to the Committee on House Oversight with instructions to report it back forthwith with an amendment that clarifies the definitions relating to independent expenditures.

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Rejected, by a recorded vote of 177 ayes to 243 noes, Roll No. 363, the Fazio amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of H.R. 3505, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, modified by the modified by the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules, H. Rept. 104–685.

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By a yea-and-nay vote of 270 yeas to 140 nays, Roll No. 362, the House agreed to H. Res. 481, the rule which provided for consideration of the bill. Agreed to the Solomon amendment which provided that the Thomas amendment be considered as adopted in the House and the Committee of the Whole. The Thomas amendment revised allowable contribution amounts. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas and 193 nays, Roll No. 361.

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Child Labor Provisions: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 1114, to authorize minors who are under the child labor provisions of the Fair Labor

Standards Act of 1938 and who are under 18 years of age to load materials into balers and compactors that meet appropriate American National Standards Institute design safety standards—clearing the measure for the President.

Pages H8517–18

Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H8381.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yea-and-nay votes and five recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H8384–85, H8385–86, H8386, H8387, H8469–70, H8470, H8513–14, H8515–16, and H8516. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Committee Meetings

PROCESSOR-FUNDED MILK PROMOTION PROGRAM

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held an oversight hearing on the processor-funded milk promotion program (MilkPEP) established by the Fluid Milk Promotion Act of 1990. Testimony was heard from Richard M. McKee, Director, Dairy Division, Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Began consideration of the following reconciliation recommendations to be transmitted to the Committee on the Budget for inclusion in the Budget Reconciliation Act: Title III, Subtitle A—Deposit Insurance Funds; Subtitle B—Thrift Charter Conversion.

Committee recessed subject to call.

CONSUMER PRODUCTS—ENERGY EFFICIENCY

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a hearing on Federal Energy Efficiency Standards for Consumer Products. Testimony was heard from Representative Gillmor; the following officials of the Department of Energy: Christine A. Ervin, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; and Michael McCabe, Director, Office of Codes and Standards; and public witnesses.

JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION ACT AMENDMENTS

Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Youth and Families approved for full Committee action amended H.R. 3876, Juvenile Crime Control and Delinquency Prevention Act of 1996.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; DRAFT REPORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3841, amended, Omnibus Civil Service Reform Act of 1996; H.R. 3864, amended, GAO Management Reform Act; H.R. 3452, amended, Presidential and Executive Office Accountability Act; H.R. 3637, Travel Reform and Savings Act of 1996; H.R. 3802, amended, Electronic Freedom of Information Act; H.R. 3869, amended, Electronic Reporting and Streamlining Act; H.R. 1281, War Crimes Disclosure Act; H.R. 3625, National Historical Publications and Records Commission Reauthorization Act; H.R. 3768, to designate a United States Post Office to be located in Groton, MA, as the "Augusta 'Gusty' Hornblower United States Post Office"; and H.R. 3834, to designate the Dunning Post Office in Chicago, IL, as the "Roger P. McAuliffe Post Office".

The Committee also approved the following draft reports: "Protecting the Nation's Blood Supply from Infectious Agents: The Need for New Standards to Meet New Threats"; "Health Care Fraud: All Public and Private Payers Need Federal Criminal Anti-Fraud Protections"; "Investigation into the Activities of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies Toward the Branch Davidians"; and "Two Year Review of the White House Communications Agency Reveals Major Mismanagement, Lack of Accountability and Mission Creep".

SYRIA AND SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on Syria: Peace Partner or Rogue Regime? Testimony was heard from Philip Wilcox, Coordinator for Counterterrorism, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ALBANIA—HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights held a hearing on Human Rights and Democracy in Albania. Testimony was heard from Rudolf V. Perina, Senior Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Canadian Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law held an oversight hearing to review whether Congress should adopt legislation that would exempt from local taxation wireless service providers who transmit satellite-delivered video programming. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H.R. 3874, Civil Rights Commission Act of 1996.

LABORER'S INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime concluded hearings on the Administration's efforts against the influence of organized crime in the Laborer's International Union of North America. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: James Burns, U.S. Attorney, Northern District, Illinois; John C. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division; Paul E. Coffey, Organized Crime and Racketeering, Section; Michel Ross, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI; Abner J. Mikva, former Counsel, The White House; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OUTER CONTINENTAL SHELF MORATORIA

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing on Outer Continental Shelf moratoria. Testimony was heard from Representatives Goss, Seastrand, Riggs, Woolsey, Pallone, Eshoo, and Pelosi; and Cynthia L. Quartermann, Director, Minerals Management Service, Department of the Interior.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on National Wildlife Refuge System. Testimony was heard from Robert Streeter, Assistant Director, Refuges and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 3099, Washita Battlefield Nation Historic Site Act of 1996; H.R. 3819, to amend the Act establishing the National Park Foundation; H.R. 3486, to dispose of certain Federal properties at Dutch John, Utah, and to assist local government in the interim delivery of basic services to the Dutch John community; H.R. 3769, to provide for the conditional transfer of the Oregon and California Railroad Grant Lands, the Coos Bay Military Wagon Road Lands, and related public domain lands to the State of Oregon; and H.R. 3497, Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary Adjustment Act of 1996. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bunn of Oregon, Dunn, Lucas, and Orton; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Katherine

Stevenson, Associate Director, Cultural Resource Stewardship and Partnerships, National Park Service; Nancy Hayes, Chief of Staff and Counselor, Bureau of Land Management; and Steve Richardson, Director, Policy and External, Bureau of Reclamation; Eleanor Towns, Director, Lands, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power Resources held an oversight hearing on deferred maintenance and energy reliability issues at facilities generating power marketed by the Southeastern Power Administration. Testimony was heard from Representatives Franks of New Jersey and Meehan; Victor S. Rezendes, Director, Energy, Resources and Science Issues, GAO; Charles Borchardt, Administrator, Southeastern Power Administration, Department of Energy; Daniel R. Burns, Chief of Operations, Construction and Readiness Division, Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; and public witnesses.

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a modified closed rule providing 1 hour of debate on H.R. 2823, International Dolphin Conservation Program Act.

In lieu of the Committee on Resources amendment, the rule provides for one amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 to be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment. The amendment numbered 1 shall be considered as read.

The rule also provides for an amendment to be offered by Representative Miller of California or his designee, which shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to amendment. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Saxton, Gilchrest, and Miller of California.

OVERSIGHT—EFFECTIVENESS OF U.S. EXPORT ASSISTANCE CENTERS

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Procurement, Exports, and Business Opportunities held an oversight hearing on the Effectiveness of U.S. Export Assistance Centers. Testimony was heard from JayEtta Hecker, Director, International Trade, Finance and Competitiveness Division, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Commerce: Johnnie Frazier, Assistant Inspector General, Inspections and Program Evaluations; and Lauri-Fitz-

Pegado, Assistant Secretary and Director General, U.S. Commercial Service; James P. Morris, Director, Regional Office, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and Mary N. Joyce, International Trade Specialist, SBA.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

Committee on Standards of Official Conduct: Met in executive session to consider pending business.

ISTEA REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation continued hearings on ISTEA Reauthorization Maintaining Adequate Infrastructure: The Surface Transportation Program. Testimony was heard from Representative Visclosky; William G. Burnett, Executive Director, Department of Transportation, State of Texas; Brian Rude, Senator, State of Wisconsin; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue July 30.

SOCIAL SECURITY MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS ACT; SSA AS AN INDEPENDENT AGENCY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Social Security approved for full Committee action the Social Security Miscellaneous Amendments Act of 1996.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing to Review the Performance of the Social Security Administration as an Independent Agency. Testimony was heard from Rogello Garcia, Specialist in American National Government, Government Management and Operations Section, Government Division, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Charles A. Bowsher, Comptroller General, GAO; and Shirley Sears Chater, Commissioner, SSA.

U.S. TRADE COMPETITIVENESS AND WORKFORCE EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Trade held a hearing on U.S. Trade Competitiveness and Workforce Education and Training. Testimony was heard from Robert R. Reich, Secretary of Labor; David Longanecker, Assistant Secretary, Post-Secondary Education, Department of Education; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

BUDGET RECONCILIATION

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3734, to provide for reconciliation pursuant to section 201(a)(1) of the concurrent resolution on the budget

for fiscal year 1997, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D794)

H.R. 701, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey lands to the City of Rolla, Missouri. Signed July 24, 1996. (P.L. 104-165)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 26, 1996

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, to hold oversight hearings to review the General Accounting Office report on the Federal Reserve System, 9:15 a.m., SD-538.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity, hearing on

Expiring Section 8 Contracts and FHA Insurance, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade, and Hazardous Materials, hearing on H.R. 3391, to amend the Solid Waste Disposal Act to require at least 85 percent of funds appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency from the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund to be distributed to States for cooperative agreements for undertaking corrective action and for enforcement of subtitle I of such Act, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Human Resources and Intergovernmental Relations, hearing on Consumers and Health Informatics, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, briefing on proposed National Petroleum Reserve—Alaska Land Exchange contained in the House counter-offer to the Senate on the Presidio legislation, 11:30 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Joint Meetings

Conferees, on S. 1316, to authorize funds for programs of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 9:15 a.m., 2123 Rayburn Building.